

REMARKS

Claims 21-23, 25, 27-33, 35-40, 42-49, 51-57, 59-65, 67-73, 75-83, 85-90, and 92-98 are pending. Independent claim 21 has been amended. In view of this amendment and the discussion that follows, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on US patent 6,422,739 to *Hara et al.* (*Hara*), and on EP Patent 905,587 to *Takahashi et al.* (*Takahashi*).

In the timepiece of *Hara*, the lengths of the winding cores (coil blocks 21 and 22) as shown in the drawings appear to be the same, and the written portion of *Hara* is silent as to the relative lengths of the two winding cores. Claim 21, as amended herein, now recites that the axial length of the winding core of the first (center-side) coil is longer than that of the winding core of the second (more peripheral) coil. Thus, the invention of claim 21 is distinguishable over *Hara* in at least this respect.


Takahashi's timepiece also includes two coils 33 and 34. Coil 33 is disposed closer to the outer periphery of the timepiece than coil 34, as is clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of that reference. It can also be seen from Fig. 1 of *Takahashi* that the axial length of the winding core of coil 33 (i.e., the coil closer to the outer periphery of the timepiece) is longer than that of coil 34. This is the opposite of what is recited in claim 21, which states that the axial length of the winding core of the first coil is longer than that of the winding core of the second (more peripheral) coil. Thus, the invention of claim 21 is also distinguishable over *Takahashi* in at least this respect.

Each of claims 22, 25, 27, 31, 32, 33, 35, 38, 39, 81, 82, 85, 88, 89, 90, 92, 95, 96 and 98 is dependent on claim 21 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 23, 28-30, 36, 37, 40, 42-49, 51-57, 59-65, 67-73, 75-80, 83, 86, 87, 93, 94 and 97. It is submitted that these claims are still allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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